The Challenge of Balancing Digital Copyright

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The five layers of content protection online

- 1 Copyright and related rights in individual content ("balancing")
- 2 Database protection (para-copyright 1)
- 3 Technology (access and copy controls, TPMs, DRM)
- 4 Anti-Circumvention laws (protection of the integrity of TPMs: para-copyright 2)
- 5 Contract
• Old issue:
  – L. Lessig, Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace, 1999 (“Code is law.”)
  – P.B. Hugenholtz, Code as Code, Or the End of Intellectual Property as We Know It, 1999
  – S. Bechtold, Vom Urheber- zum Informationsrecht, 2001

• The (relatively) new example of text and data mining
The analogue world
Limitations/exceptions Art. 5 InfoSocDir 2001/29

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3. Member States may provide for exceptions or limitations to the rights provided for in Articles 2 and 3 in the following cases:
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   • (l) use in connection with the demonstration or repair of equipment;
   • (m) use of an artistic work in the form of a building or a drawing or plan of a building for the purposes of reconstructing the building;
   • (n) use by communication or making available, for the purpose of research or private study, to individual members of the public by dedicated terminals...
   • (o) use in certain other cases of minor importance where exceptions or limitations already exist under national law...
Limitations/exceptions Art. 9 Database Dir 96/9:

Article 9 Exceptions to the sui generis right

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(a) in the case of extraction for private purposes of the contents of a non-electronic database;

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The digital offline world
TPMs and Limitations/exceptions in the offline world

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• The online world
  – Freely and lawfully accessible content
  – Illegally available content
  – Content legally available from an access controlled database (e.g. databases of scientific publishers)
EU sui generis database right, dir. 1996/9:
- Art. 7(1) Exclusive right of the maker of a database which shows that there has been qualitatively and/or quantitatively a substantial investment in either the obtaining, verification or presentation of the contents to prevent extraction and/or re-utilization of the whole or of a substantial part of the contents of that database.
- Art. 7(4) The right provided for in paragraph 1 shall apply irrespective of the eligibility of that database for protection by copyright or by other rights. Moreover, it shall apply irrespective of eligibility of the contents of that database for protection by copyright or by other rights.
• Access controls (pay walls)
Online world: level 4, Art. 6(4) subpara 4 InfoSocDir 2001/29

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Online world: level 5

• (End User) License Contract
Consequence for TDM under sec. 29A UK Copyright Act on “Copies for text and data analysis for non-commercial research”

(1) The making of a copy of a work by a person who has lawful access to the work does not infringe copyright in the work provided that (a) the copy is made in order that a person who has lawful access to the work may carry out a computational analysis of anything recorded in the work for the sole purpose of research for a non-commercial purpose ...
• The limits of protection at levels 2-5
  – See A. Peukert, *A Doctrine of the Public Domain*
• Limitations on level 2 (database right)
• Limitations on level 3 (technology)
• Limitations on level 4 (anti-circumvention laws)
• Limitations on level 5 (contract law)